

Senate, and asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the same—read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Cass, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

THURSDAY, July 10th, 1856.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present. The Journal of yesterday, read and adopted.

Mr. Lott presented the memorial of Morgan P. Ellis; referred to committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Hill presented the petitions of Joseph Lawrence, M. F. Alexander and Romulus Flowers; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims No. 2.

Mr. White presented the petition of Elizabeth Tally; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims No. 1.

Mr. Taylor of Houston, presented the petition of the citizens of Houston county; referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Scott, Chairman of the committee on Public Lands made the following reports:

The committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a bill granting 640 acres of land to all persons killed or wounded in the battles of Texas with the Mexicans or Indians, have considered the same, and a majority of said committee have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate and recommend its rejection.

The Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the petition of Pleasant Pogett, have considered the same, and find no evidence of his having fulfilled the requisitions of the law, by residing within the limits of the Colony for three years, and therefore, is not entitled, legally, to the land prayed for; I am therefore, instructed to report the same back, and recommend its rejection.

The committee, on Public Lands to which was referred a bill for the relief of Henry Stout, have had the same under examination, and find that the claim in his favor is mostly for "provisions and amunition furnished the army, and therefore, the committee have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate and recommend its reference to the committee on Public Debt.

Mr. Russell, from the committee on Private Land Claims, No. 2, to which was referred the petition of G. W. F. Haynes

and a bill for his relief, reported the same back, recommending the passage of the bill.

Mr. Maverick presented (by leave) the petition of H. M. Thibodeaux of Louisiana; referred to committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Taylor of Fannin, introduced a bill making appropriation for the payment of a portion of the Debt of the late Republic of Texas; read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on Public Debt.

Mr. McCulloch introduced a bill for the relief of Wm. De-woody; read 1st and 2nd times, and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims, No. 2.

Mr. Lott introduced a bill for the relief of Benj. F. Ellis; read 1st and 2nd times, and referred to committee on Private Land Claims, No. 2.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to provide for the better security of the Archives of the State Department; read and passed to a 3d reading.

A bill to extend the time for procuring unconditional head-right certificates, where conditional certificates have heretofore issued; read 2d time, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Joint resolution to validate the election of Corporate officers of the town of Castroville, for the year 1852; Read 1st and 2nd times, and referred to the committee on County Boundaries.

Joint resolution endorsing the action of Gen. W. L. Cazneau, U. S. Commissioner to St. Domingo; read 1st and 2nd times, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

A bill for the relief of Mrs. Mary Williams and her title; read 1st and 2d times, and referred to committee of Private Land Claims, No. 2.

A bill for the relief of Lieut. M. Hitchcock; read 2d time, and rejected.

On motion of Mr. Martin, the vote rejecting the bill, was reconsidered and the bill laid on the table.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Josiah Hudson; read and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill for the relief of Mercer Fain, Sr., and Wm. M. Hewitt; read and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill requiring Chief Justices of county Courts, to give bonds for the faithful performance of their official duties; read and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Palmer introduced (by leave) a bill supplementary to and amendatory of an act, entitled an act to fix the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme and District Courts; read 1st and 2nd times, and on motion of Mr. Grimes, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill authorizing the use of the Spanish language before Justices' Courts in certain cases, in the counties West of the Guadaloupe river.

Mr. Palmer offered the following amendments:

1. Provided that the English language shall be used in all cases in which any one of the parties interested, shall only speak the English language.—Adopted.

2. SECTION 2nd. That in any case in which one of the parties only speak the English language, and the Justice or other party is unable to speak the English language, the case may be removed, on motion, to the nearest Justice of the Peace speaking that language.—Adopted.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed, by the following vote:

YEAS.—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Guinn, Lott, Martin, Maverick, Palmer, Russell, Scarborough, Scott, Superveile, Taylor of Cass, Whitaker, White and Wren.—15.

NAYS.—Messrs. Caldwell, Flanagan, Grimes, Hill, McCulloch, Pirkey, Taylor of Fannin, Taylor of Houston, Truit and Weatherford.—10.

House bill to create and organize the 18th Judicial District; made special order for to-day at 10 o'clock; read.

Mr. Armstrong offered the following amendment:

Strike out the words "Llano" and "San Saba."—Adopted

Mr. Superveile offered the following amendments.

In section 2nd, strike out all from the word "week" in line 12, until the words "in the county of Uvalde, in 18th line.

In line 18, of the same section, strike out the word "ninth" and insert "sixth."

In line 21, same section, strike out "tenth" and insert "seventh."

In line 24, same section, strike out "eleventh" and insert "eight."

Adopted.

The bill was then passed to a 3d reading.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong, the rule was suspended—bill read 3d time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Weatherford, the vote rejecting the bill for the relief of A. Applewhite, was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Hill, the bill was laid on the table.

A bill for the relief of A. B. Burleson, with report of the committee on Public Lands; read, and on motion of Mr. Caldwell re-referred.

Report of Committee on Judiciary, on petition of Joel L. Ankrum, recommending that the same be laid on the table; read and adopted.

Report of committee on Private Land Claims, No. 2, on the petition of Almanson Houston and John G. Love, reporting the inexpediency of granting relief; read and adopted.

A bill for the relief of D. M. Fulton.

On motion of Mr. Hill, laid on the table.

A bill for the relief of Willard Richardson.

On motion of Mr. McCulloch, laid on the table.

A bill to legitimate Donaciana Howland, daughter of Sam'l. A. Howland, deceased; read and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to provide the mode of levy and sale under execution of the stock of incorporated companies; read, and on motion of Mr. Palmer, made the special order for Wednesday the 15th inst.

A bill for the relief of Samuel McKneely; read and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill for the relief of Alexander McLane; read 2nd time and rejected.

A bill fixing the compensation for saving cotton found in any of the waters of this State, or on the coast thereof in the Gulf of Mexico; with report of the Judiciary committee, offering amendments thereto; read and made special order for Thursday the 17th inst.

A Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution; read and on motion of Mr. Flanagan laid on the table.

Report of the committee on Private Land Claims, No. 2, on petition of Henry Seaburn; read and on motion of Mr. Russell, laid on the table.

Report of the committee on Private Land Claims, No. 2, on the application of Thos. Hennsworth; read, and on motion of Mr. Scott, laid on the table.

A bill for the relief of James Cummings; read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill for the relief of J. S. Nicholson; read and on motion of Mr. Flanagan, referred to the Judiciary committee.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate of the appointment of Messrs. Ector, Davis, Owings, Ochiltree and Latham, a committee on the part of the House, to act with a like committee on the part of the Senate, in the settlement of the accounts of G. S. Boggess, paymaster.

Mr. Guinn, Chairman of the committee on engrossed bills, reported correctly engrossed the following bills:

A bill requiring the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to issue a land certificate to James McDonald.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Christopher Coats.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of James M. Rose.

A bill for the relief of Richard Alderson.

A bill for the relief of Robert Baldwin.

A bill to provide for the safe keeping of the Libraries of the Supreme Court at the several branches thereof.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Hamilton Ledbetter.

A Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution.

A bill for the relief of R. G. Dunlap.

A bill for the relief of Isabel Seguin y Riuz.

A bill for the relief of Thomas Bell.

A bill to create the county of Palo Pinto.

A bill to validate a survey and patent upon the head-right certificate of John R. Rodgers.

And a bill appropriating certain monies to the school fund.

A bill for the relief of D. P. Fowler, with the report of the committee on State Affairs, asking to be discharged from a further consideration of the same; read and the report adopted.

Mr. Lott moved to lay the bill on the table—Lost.

The bill was then rejected.

Report of the committee on the Public Debt, on the memorial of Gen. Memucan Hunt, recommending the rejection of the same; read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Martin, the Senate adjourned 'till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

FRIDAY, July 11. 1856.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Grimes introduced a "Bill to incorporate the Huntsville Railroad Company," accompanied by a petition of sundry